

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 612

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By Mr. Patrick of Falmouth, petition of Matthew C. Patrick for legislation to establish penalties for the sale to minors of over-the-counter medications containing alcohol or codeine. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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### AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF CERTAIN OVER THE COUNTER MEDICINES TO MINORS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Chapter 270 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 8A the following section:—
- 3 Section 8B. Whoever sells cough syrup or a cold remedy con-
- 4 taining alcohol or codeine or a similar substance to any person
- 5 under the age of 18 shall be punished by a fine of not less than
- 6 \$100.00 for the first offense, not less than \$200.00 for a second
- 7 offense and not less than \$300.00 for any third or subsequent
- 8 offense.